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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 3, 2004, a reply to which is due January 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this submission.